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Dear Secretary Leila de Lima,

The Action Network Human Rights - Philippines (AMP) wants to express the gravest concern about recent developments in the case of the detained human rights defender Mr. Termogen "Cocoy" Tulawie, which may lead to a life-endangering situation. Please also consider our letters to the President Benigno S. Aquino III, dated January 8, 2013 and Chief Justice Sereno, dated September 26, 2012, which have been sent to you as a copy.

Our partner organization Mindanao Peoples Caucus (MPC), as well as the representative of our member organization International Peace Observers Network (IPON) in the Philippines, both informed us about the urgency in this matter.

The AMP is disturbed by the fact that the responsible judge ordered the transfer of Mr. Tulawie from Davao to a prison in Manila without taking into account that his life might seriously be in danger once transferred. We have knowledge of reports from civil society organizations that there are contracted killers awaiting his arrival at the prison in Bicutan.

Therefore we urge you to review the decision for transfer of Mr. Tulawie from Davao to Manila and to make every effort to guarantee his physical integrity.

We also would like to draw your attention to the fact that the length of pre-trial detention already exceeds 17 months. While the request for release on bail has been denied on June 17, 2103, court hearings have been postponed for an indefinite time.

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Once again we call upon the Philippine Government to take note of the provision of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders which holds governments accountable to protect and secure life and health of human right defenders. Reiterating the grave concerns expressed by MPC and the defense team of Mr. Tulawie, we call upon you to secure by all means live and health of Mr. Tulawie and to insure a fair trial and accelerated procedure.

We kindly ask you to keep us informed about the measures taken by you,

Most respectfully,



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About the Action Network Human Rights - Philippines

The Action Network Human Rights - Philippines (Aktionsbündnis Menschenrechte – Philippinen, AMP) was formed in August 2007 to promote lobby- and information work in Germany and the EU regarding the human rights situation in the Philippines. Through its office, the network coordinates publications, events and lobby activities. Target groups are political decision makers, human rights defenders and social activists as well as the media in Germany and Europe. Member Organisations of the AMP are Amnesty International Germany, Bread for the World - Church Development Service (EED), International Peace Observers Network (IPON), Misereor, Missio Munich, philippinenbuero Inc. in Asia House and the United Evangelical Mission (UEM). The main focus of the network lies on the core human rights issues of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, as well as trumped up charges.

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